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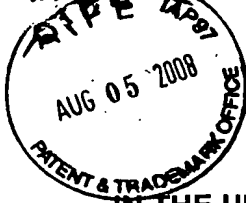
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicants hereby cite certain documents identified in an Official Action issued by the Japanese Patent Office on July 1, 2008, concerning the corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-295139, in conformance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98. A copy of the Japanese Official Action and an English translation thereof are attached hereto.

It is noted that two of the documents identified in the Official Action, i.e., JP 49-9850 and JP 10-35460, were previously cited and copies provided in the First Information Disclosure Statement filed in the present application on April 4, 2005, and again in the Third Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 9, 2007, and are thus not cited herein.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

The documents are being submitted after a first Office Action on the merits but prior to the closing of prosecution, therefore under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), a statement is enclosed.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT


I, the undersigned, hereby state in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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